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unexpected visit to each place. The General will make Odessa his headquarters until September and will inspect the town thoroughly and also visit numerous other places in the interior, such as Nicolaiev, Cherson, Voznesensk, Ochakov, and other towns. This visit of inspection is a matter of rejoicing for Odessa and other places as well. Our present governor, Count Schouvalov, is an extremely able man and is abreast with the times, still a special commissioner from the Emperor will have a wonderful effect in causing the authorities to move. Count Schouvalov is a reformer who has the interests of Odessa and its inhabitants at heart. * * *

Respectfully, yours,

THOS. H. HEENAN.

United States Consul.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
ODESSA, RUSSIA, *August 10, 1899.*

SAN SALVADOR.

No yellow fever at Acajutla.

ACAJUTLA, August 17, 1899.

SIR: In accordance with instructions received to send you a bimonthly report as to the existence or nonexistence of yellow fever, I would state that there has not been a case of yellow fever resulting in death either in Sonsonate, Santa Ana, or this port for some time past. There has never been a case in this port.

Respectfully, yours,

FELIX J. CHARLAIX,

Acting Consular Agent.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

SPAIN.

Report from Barcelona.

BARCELONA, August 26, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report my arrival here yesterday morning. There are two ways to reach Lisbon from Marseilles, via Bordeaux or Barcelona. I came here because the plague had been reported to be present and I desired to verify the statement and to consult with the consul-general concerning the precautions necessary to be taken. The sanitary authorities state emphatically that no case of plague has so far appeared at Barcelona, and I believe the statement to be true. The consul-general, Mr. Lay, is fully impressed with the necessity for early information should the disease appear, and will do all he can to notify you promptly. Should it appear, and it seems not unreasonable to expect it, a sanitary inspector should be appointed to inspect vessels bound for the United States. There are very few of them, and they are nearly always in ballast, a fortunate circumstance at this time. A number of vessels go direct from this port to Havana. * * * Weekly sanitary statistics can not be obtained here because the authorities decline to furnish them. I inclose extracts from *Diario Mercantil*, showing progress of the plague at date, August 25 and August 26, and an extract showing the special precautions taken by the sanitary officers at Barcelona.

I leave to-night for Lisbon via Madrid.

Respectfully, yours,

FAIRFAX IRWIN,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.